

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9220  
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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, NI  
SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF FMG DENIAL OF 4TH FREQUENCY

REF: (A) LAGOS 7943, (B) LAGOS 7853

1. ON EVENING OF JUNE 29, LAGOS MANAGER PAN AM DENAZARIO INFORMED EMBOFF THAT ON BASIS OUR ADVICE (REFTEL A) HE HAD CALLED UPON COMMERICAL PLANNING MANAGER OF NIGERIA AIRWAYS (WT). DENAZARIO LEARNED THAT WT LETTER TO CIV AIR MIN RECOMMENDED AGAINST COMMENCEMENT JULY 5 OF FOURTH FLIGHT FREQUENCY FOR PA. WT BASED RECOMMENDATION ON ARTICLE 9 OF RECENTLY CONCLUDED BILATER AVIATION AGREEMENT WHICH PROMISES EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR CARRIAGE OF TRAFFIC. AFTER HOUR LONG TALK WITH WT, DENAZARIO INTERPRETED THIS TO MEAN ROUGH EQUALITY OF PASSENGER LOAD NOT FREQUENCY OR CAPACITY. FYI: WHILE PA'S THREE 707S FLY AT FULL CAPACITY OUT OF LAGOS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT WT'S TWO DC-10S FLY NEARLY EMPTY. ENDY FYI.

2. ON MORNING OF JUNE 30 EMBOFF CALLED AT CIV AIR MIN.  
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CLERK RESPONSIBLE FOR RESPONDING TO AIRLINE FLIGHT SCHEDULE CHANGES SAID THAT HE STILL HAD RECIEVED NO LETTER FROM WT AND SO COULD MAKE NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE. HIS BOSS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY T. ADEGBENRO, SAID THAT HE WANTED MORE TIME TO STUDY THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT BEFORE RESPONDING. AT THIS POINT, EMBOFF REMINDED ADEGBENRO THAT USG DOES NOT FEEL THAT EITHER NATION

HAS THE RIGHT TO UNILATERALLY RESTRICT FREQUENCIES.  
EMBOFF WENT ON TO POINT OUT THAT WE REGARD THIS AS  
A VERY SERIOUS MATTER.

3. COMMENT: PER REFTTEL B EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FMG  
IS ONLY NOW BEGINNING TO GRASP UNIQUELY AMERICAN  
AVIATION CONCEPTS WHICH THEY AGREED TO IN BILATERAL.  
LACK OF FMG UNDERSTANDING MAY RESULT IN CONFRONTATION  
OVER FREQUENCIES AND PERHAPS OTHER CONCEPTS UNTIL  
POLICY OFFICIALS ABOVE BILATERAL NEGOTIATING TEAM  
AND BUREAUCRATS BELOW ARE ENLIGHTENED. IN THIS REGARD,  
DENAZARIO ADVISED US AGAINST TRIGGER-HAPPY ATTITUDE.  
HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT USG TENDENCY TO RECIP-  
RODATE WHEN EUROPEAN NATIONS DENY FREQUENCIES TO U.S.  
CARRIERS. EMBASSY FEELS THAT IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS  
SUCH AN ACTION IN REGARD TO NIGERIA, IT SHOULD DIS-  
TINGUISH FMG FROM EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS WHO, AT LEAST  
IN THIS FIELD, OPERATE WITH GREATER SOPHISTICATION.  
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